Principal’s Report

Well ‘Jack Frost’ has certainly made his presence felt this week.

Thank you to all our teachers for their preparation and all the parents who attended Parent Teacher interviews on Monday night. These interviews provide a great opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress with their teacher as well as ask questions and seek advice. A reminder that our teachers are always keen to help wherever they can. If at any time you do have a query, question or need assistance please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time with your child’s teacher, either through the Office or with them directly during a non-teaching time.

Early next week, a random sample of school families will receive the annual Parent Opinion Survey that is conducted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. These surveys are helpful to both DET and schools at the local level as the results provide important feedback to us for future planning.

In order to provide complete confidentiality for parents, the survey will be collected by the school but not opened. The sealed envelopes will be sent back to the company responsible for collating the information. If you do receive a survey please complete it and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Tomorrow we are looking forward to welcoming our bright, happy pre-schoolers taking advantage of our first Prep Discovery afternoon for the year. Mrs Sheree McGinley and Mrs Cindy Riddle are looking forward to hosting our first session which focuses on Physical Education. The next afternoon will be on Friday 7th August when they will join in the ‘Marvellous Music’ session with Mr Damian Hayes.

We welcome back our ten students: Tom Barras, Grace Diedrichs, Angus Dohle, Will Hogg, Sam Jewell, Ruby Kelly, Tegan Menzel, Lily O’Brien, Emily Pitts and Alera Sherry who have been lucky enough to attend Somers camp for the past 9 days. We look forward to hearing all about the highlights of this memorable experience in next week’s newsletter.

As this newsletter went to print our Year Four students were enjoying the great opportunity of competing in the Hoop Time competition at HILAC. I look forward to hearing about how they all went. Our thanks again to Mrs. Sheree McGinley and Mrs. Carolyn Murray for organising the teams and to the parents, who coach, score and support this event. All the best to our Year Six students too, who have their Hoop Time opportunity on Monday.

The canteen is struggling to keep afloat on Fridays due to the lack of helpers to assist Lyn prepare and pack lunch baskets. If you are able to lend a hand on a Friday please give Lyn or the Office a call – 5571 9295. Thank you.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

Annie at the Gardens

Annie was a curious girl. She loved to be odd for some reason. In her diary she had those times when she went to the gardens. One day Annie got wet in the gardens. Pitter, patter went the rain as it came. So she put on her yellow raincoat. Then she heard a mysterious sound as though she was in the woods. She tried to hurry but suddenly the gate closed and the other gate closed too. She hid behind the big old tree but it was too slinky so she hid behind the waterfall. She was safe. Now the problem was solved and that’s how it goes.

Written by Isabella Maxwell Grade 2B
2015 Writer’s Workshop.
Swimming – Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2

Swimming for students in grades Prep, 1 & 2 will start on Friday 24th July and will continue everyday until Friday 7th August (no swimming on Monday 3rd August due to Curriculum Day/Sheepvention).

This year swimming lessons have been organized slightly different to other years. Students in grades 1 & 2 have been placed into 3 groups and will travel to and from the pool and swim in these groups. The new ‘group’ system has enabled us to keep the costs the same as last year, without affecting the quality of lessons provided.

All students in grades Prep, 1 & 2 will need to wear their sports uniform for these two weeks.

A separate notice has been sent home today with all grade 1 & 2 children explaining which group they are in, what time they swim and what time they will be having their lunch breaks.

Lunch orders are available for students swimming, although please don’t order a “Special” menu item (ie fried rice) on swimming days.

Thank you

Music Lessons

Please remember if your child participates in private music lessons at school “Payment must be made by the commencement of the first lesson” (Terms and Conditions, Notice 003 – 2015 Instrumental Music Lessons, Hamilton Gray St Primary School).

Thank you

Grade 6 Hooptime Basketball

A reminder Grade 6 Hoop Time is on Mon 27th July. All details regarding the day are set out in the note sent home but children are reminded to wear their Gray Street sports uniform to school – basketball singlet tops will be provided on the day but children must be wearing their blue sports shorts (track suits can be worn to keep warm during the day but can’t be worn whilst playing). Children must bring plenty of water and food for the entire day.

Children will be bussed to and from HILAC and therefore all children must come to school as per a normal school day and return to school on the bus and dismissed at the end of the normal school day. Children cannot be dropped off or picked up from HILAC. Buses will be leaving school at 9.05am and we ask that children be at school in plenty of time Monday morning to enable last minute organisational matters to be done.

A big thank you to those parents who have offered to coach and score on the day.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley

News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

Blitz: Letting others learn.

Bruce says, "The respect you show others is a reflection of your self respect"

AFL Tickets

There are some general admission tickets for the following AFL matches available. They will be distributed on a first come-first served basis BUT must be collected by an adult or a child with a letter from an adult.

The matches are:
- Sunday 26th July (this weekend): Melbourne V St Kilda
- Saturday 1st August: Collingwood V Melbourne
- Sunday 23rd August: Carlton V Melbourne

Anthony Hill
Sports co-ordinator
Notifying the Office

When sending emails through to the school in regards to your child’s absence or new travel/bus arrangements for the day please email the school on hamilton.ps.gray@edumail.vic.gov.au, or if you would like to notify a particular staff member, ‘cc’ the school in the email. Sometimes the staff members you are sending an email to are unavailable on that day due to illness or meetings.

Canteen Roster

Volunteers are need urgently in the canteen. If you can help please contact the office 5571 9295. Thank you

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